



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

Dry Conditions Continue

Delaware farmers had 7 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending September 25, 2005. **Corn** harvested for **grain** increased 16 percent last week from 33 percent to 49 percent complete. **Soybeans** are dropping their leaves rapidly and farmers are turning their attention to their **soybean** crop. **Soybean** harvest should begin soon. Reporters expect **soybean** yields to be low due to the extended dry weather.

Apple harvest is 48 percent complete, slightly behind the 5 year average.

Pasture condition was rated 13 percent good, 50 percent fair, 13 percent poor and 23 percent very poor. **Hay** supplies were rated 3 percent surplus, 65 percent adequate and 32 percent short.

DELAWARE’S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 25, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	48	45	42	56
Corn for Grain	49	33	52	38
Crop Progress:				
Corn Mature	99	84	96	83
Soybean Turning Color	81	48	73	46
Soybean Dropping Leaves	69	32	45	24
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 4 th Cutting	55	52	69	62
Other Hay 4 th Cutting	5	4	35	37

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 25, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	54	40	6	-
Topsoil (2004)	2	13	81	4
Five Year Average	2	14	76	8
Subsoil Moisture	45	37	18	-
Subsoil (2004)	7	8	85	-
Five Year Average	6	16	73	5

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 25, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.00	33.96	3.42	93	53	74	9
Easton	0.08	32.01	-1.20	90	55	73	6
Frederick	0.02	28.28	-0.99	90	53	71	10
Frostburg	0.00	27.72	-7.98	85	53	66	8
Hagerstown	0.00	21.61	-7.04	88	55	72	8
Mechanicsville	0.00	29.46	-4.37	89	53	72	7
Patuxent River	0.02	30.09	-1.64	88	58	76	10
Ocean City	0.02	31.34	-2.81	87	53	73	7
Salisbury	0.04	33.68	-0.85	92	47	72	6
Sharpsburg	0.00	25.70	-3.57	90	52	70	9
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.00	29.21	0.34	93	62	77	8
Delaware							
Dover	0.02	35.27	1.73	90	59	74	7
Georgetown	0.04	30.53	-2.85	93	54	74	10
Wilmington	0.00	25.88	-4.79	91	56	74	9

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.